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Name that Plane — Name that Event

Photo by Jim Orsborn

President's Message - Come to the Holiday Party on 1/12/07!

That's right, our holiday party will be held this Friday evening (January 12th) at Chun King/Rick's Café in Bilerica Center. We expect to start the festivities around 7 p.m.

This will be an all-you-can-eat Chinese Buffet. It's pay as you go, and usually costs between \$15 - \$20 each for a very nice spread (drinks not included.)

If we can get a few more folks to attend than in years past, the price might come down a tad.

As usual, there will be some nice door prizes. Hey, the pressure of the holidays is over, so come out and socialize with the club.

Spouses and significant-others are very welcome.

(Storm date is the 13th. Check the website or call me if you need an update on Friday.)

On a personal note, please pardon me while I breath a sigh of relief. As many of you know, for the past 14 months I've been working towards my Private Pilot license.

Well, on December 28th I got it - WAHOOO!!!

This endeavor has occupied a lot of my time and mental capacity. (oh yeah, and money!) I appreciate your patience with me, as I have been so preoccupied during this period.

I actually made it up to the field today (Sunday 1/7) and enjoyed a few flights in some near-perfect conditions. The field looks good, and I hope you all are taking advantage of this ridiculously unseasonable

weather to keep your flying skills sharp.

At last month's meeting I mentioned an upcoming vote on some proposed by-law changes. Unfortunately, I didn't get them out to the membership in time to be voted on in January, but will do so in time for the February meeting. Fly safe, and have fun! *Jeff*

p.s. Reminder: Renew your membership now, and please support our Auction on the 28th!

December Meeting Summary

The December 2006 meeting had 17 members in attendance. After a brief introduction, President Jeff Ward went over a summary of the Treasurer's Report submitted at the last Board meeting. Our ending balance for the last meeting of the year is \$4,404.49.

Jeff went on to say that the Holiday Party and the 2007 Annual Auction are on track, so check the calendar and plan on attending.

Jeff asked for a report by the Nominating Committee. Dan Fisher was not available, but Jim Orsborn reported that Dan had contacted all of the outgoing Directors and he had spoken with all of

the Officers. Based on these contacts, Jim stated that all of the current Officers and all but one Director were willing to serve another year.

Proposed 2007 Slate of Officers & Directors:

President — Jeff Ward
V. Pres. — John Parisi
Treasurer — John Caci
Sec. — Ray Capobianco
Directors: Charlie Bacon, Dan Fisher, and Dave Varrell and News Editor Jim Orsborn.

Jeff thanked the committee and expressed a desire that everyone possible show up for the January meeting and elections.

There was a brief dis-

cussion about some proposed changes to the club Safety Rules and Flying restrictions. Jeff went over the history of the current ban on Helicopters for new members, and then stated that the Board was prepared to lift this ban once the new training and safety provisions are in place.

The Flight Committee is currently working on a new Frequency Pin that will display a member's approval to fly either airplanes or helicopters on the main runway.

John Parisi brought in some new T-Shirts and hats for sale. He has worked with Greco Graphics, a local store in Billerica, to add our club logo to their inventory.

The T's and hats are available for \$12 each. John also showed a sweatshirt he special-ordered from Greco for \$50. (*See the web-site or the info box on page 3 for more on MCRCF logo-wear.*)

Dave Varrell had his Gold Edition, Sea Fury as the main attraction for Show & Tell. Check out the photos on the next page, including the convenient service panel.

Membership Renewals:

Everyone should have their new AMA membership card by now. How about your MCRCF membership? Renewal forms are available on the Website.

Helicopters set for return to MCRCF field

The MCRCF Flight Instruction committee and the Board of Directors have been working on a plan to permit new members who want to fly helicopters.

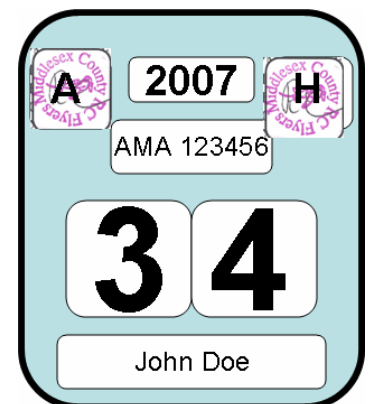
About three years ago, the Board voted to restrict new memberships to airplanes only, which severely limited helicopter flying. The decision was made after several unfortunate

incidents involving conflicts between airplane and helicopter pilots. The lack of a helicopter training and certification program was also a factor.

New plans are to use the upper field for helicopter hover training and introduce a new stamp on our frequency pin that clearly identifies helicopter pilots who have passed a qualifica-

tion test and are therefore permitted to fly on the main runway.

As with airplanes, helicopter pilots are not permitted to fly on the runway until they have been stamped by the Flight Committee. The details are still under review, but the sample pin shows a pilot that is approved for both Helis and Airplanes on the main runway.



**New MCRCF
Frequency Pin**

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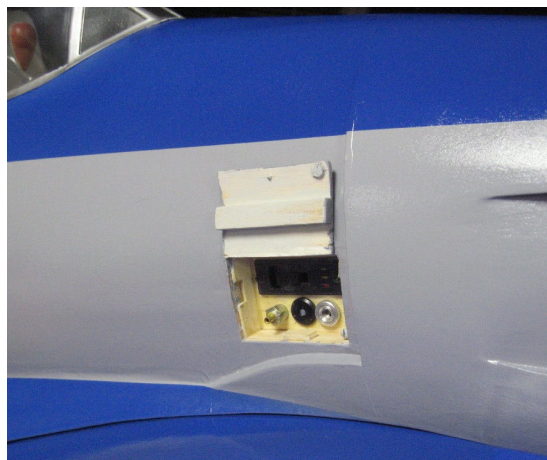
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Schedule of Events

- 10 Jan — January Club Meeting, Elections
- 12 Jan — Annual Holiday Party, Chung King's Chinese Restaurant, O'Connor Plaza
- 13 Jan — Holiday Party storm date.
- 28 Jan — MCRCF Auction, Burlington Legion



Dave Varrell's Sea Fury



Dave's Sea Fury has an RCV 91 in the nose, has split flaps under the trailing edge of each wing and has a unique service panel with both electrical and fuel connections under a flip top flap with a magnetic hold down in each corner..



New T-Shirts and Hats with our club logo are available from Jeff Ward. Additional items, including Sweatshirts and Jackets can be ordered directly from Greco Graphics 14 Hadley St. Unit C Billerica, MA Phone: (978) 663-9122 or on the Web at www.grecographics.com.

New Hobby Shop:

HOBBY FEVER

279 Boston Rd Billerica, MA
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Members Wanted!
Please plan on attending the
annual Election Meeting.

First Class Mail

Annual Election Meeting

January 10th, 2007
7:30 PM
Lewis Building
248 Boston Road (Rt. 3A)
Billerica, MA

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The FLYER is the official publication of the Middlesex County R-C Fliers, Inc., a non-profit organization chartered for the promotion of radio controlled model aircraft building and flying. The club operates a flying field located on Treble Cove Road, Billerica, MA. The club offers free flight instruction to any member provided they have a current membership with the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Contact any club member for details. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month between September and June in the Billerica Recreation Dept building at 248 Boston Road in Billerica, starting at 7:30 PM.

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